

it's your City!

Enjoy the Holiday Season!

Council and staff of the City of Parksville wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy and prosperous 2014.

We're Ready for Snow!

City staff monitor road and weather conditions 24/7 during the winter months. When snow and icy conditions are forecast, crews and equipment are prepped and when it snows, crews are dispatched to keep our roads safe.

Our first priority during and after a snowfall is to clear major arterial streets (such as Island Highway, Alberni Highway) as well as access to emergency services. Clearing collector streets (such as Temple, Pym, Hirst) is the second priority. Once conditions have stabilized on these routes, crews begin to clear residential streets. Should we experience continued snow, it may take crews longer to reach residential streets. If there is an emergency and your street it is not yet plowed, emergency services will notify the City and we will send a plow immediately.

What you can do to help – clearing of sidewalks is the responsibility of property owners. To learn more about snow removal, what you can do to help and how best to prepare, see the City's website [home page link].

Highway 19A Snow Closures

Should there be a significant snowfall, one lane of Highway 19A between Corfield Street and McCarter Street will be closed to allow kids to more safely use the slope from Highway 19A into the Community Park sports field for tobogganing. The City will use traffic control measures to facilitate the temporary lane closure.

Sunray Beach Access Now Open

Public access to Sunray Beach is once again open to the public with the completion of a staircase at the north end of Sunray Road. Constructed from structural marine grade aluminum with reinforced concrete decking and stair treads, the staircase has four landings and 97 steps. Cost of the project was \$158,340.

Notice to Dog Owners in Parksville

In Parksville, all dogs over the age of six months must be licenced and wearing a tag. For residents whose dogs were licenced in 2013, reminder notices have been mailed. Due by January 31, licences are valid for the calendar year and may be purchased from Parksville City Hall.



By January 31, spayed/neutered \$20, not spayed/neutered \$30 and after January 31, spayed/neutered \$25, not spayed/neutered \$35.

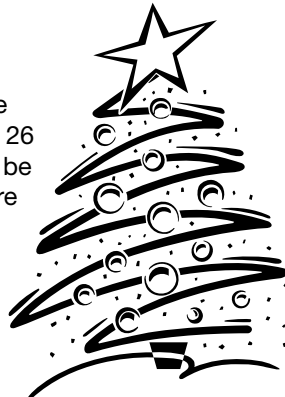
The main benefit for dog owners is the quick return of dogs should they become lost and then found by someone else. For taxpayers, there is a cost to maintain our off leash dog park, provide doggie bags and also bylaw enforcement. Dog licence fees provide a means to offset some of these costs and also help the City handle public safety concerns of stray, off leash and aggressive/dangerous dogs.

And, it's the law! Bylaw 1284 states, "no person shall keep, harbour or have in his possession any dog over the age of six months unless a valid and subsisting licence has been issued in respect of that dog."



Holiday Hours

City Hall and public works will be closed December 25, December 26 and January 1. Public works will be closed on December 27 and there will be limited service at PCTC. For afterhours public works emergency, call 250 248-6144 (4 pm to 8 am, Monday to Friday, weekends and holidays).



Notice to Businesses

Existing business licence holders may now renew for the 2014 calendar year. Fees are due by January 31 and may be mailed or paid at City Hall. Bylaw 1483 requires that all businesses obtain a valid licence if carrying on business in the City.

In 2014, the City will offer for the first time, an inter-community business licence. More information may be found on the website [Business/Licences].



2014 Council Meeting Dates and Appointments

A schedule of regular Council and Committee meetings for 2014 is posted on the City notice board at 100 Jensen Avenue East and may be viewed on the website meeting calendar. Appointments to committees, boards, commissions and associations from December 3, 2013 to December 1, 2014, have been approved and are posted to the website [City Hall/Mayor and Council/Appointments].

Looking for APC Members

The term of office for several members of the Advisory Planning Commission will end December 31. The City is now accepting applications for new members as well as the existing members for a two year term, 2014-2015. Please send applications by December 31 to Blaine Russell, Director of Community Planning.

The function of the seven member APC is to advise Council on matters respecting land use and community planning referred by Council. Applicants with experience in land use planning, architectural design or related fields would be an asset, although not a prerequisite. APC members are appointed pursuant to the Local Government Act and serve without remuneration.

2014 Special Events

The City provides venues for about 200 special events with the gazebo and picnic shelter popular with community organizations and individuals. Foster Park is an alternative to the busy Community Park and popular for birthday parties, family reunions and club functions.

Applications for 2014 special events will be accepted starting January 1. Provided the request is received by January 31, annual events receive priority. Applications received after January 31 will be considered on a first come, first served basis depending on availability. Applications received after January 31 must be submitted at least thirty days prior to the event. The policy and application is on the website [City Hall/Special Events Procedures] and from City Hall and Public Works. Phone 250 951-2484 for more information.

Parksville eNews

Parksville eNews is our new email newsletter. To sign up, subscribe from the home page link on the City's website or by texting PARKSVILLE to 22828.

City Dates

December 12	AWS/ERWS Board Meeting
December 12	Advisory Design Panel
December 16	Council Meeting
December 19	Advisory Planning Commission
December 25 & 26	Offices closed Christmas holidays
December 27	City Hall (PCTC) - limited service
January 1	Offices closed New Year's Day
January 6	Council Meeting CANCELLED
January 9	Coffee with Council
January 16	Coffee with Council
January 20	Council Meeting

The public is encouraged to attend Council meetings held on the first and third Mondays of the month and is welcome to observe advisory committee meetings. Please refer to the website for agendas, dates and times as well as Council meeting highlights and minutes.

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